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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As the improvement of the port of Beypore in Malabar will go a long way in improving the commerce and industry of Malabar, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of improving that port? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall have the necessary investigation carried out."

Schemes for the improvement of slums.

* 365 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme for improvement of slums in the City and in the mufassal;

(*b*) the departments entrusted with the execution of those schemes; and

(*c*) whether those departments have been provided with the necessary funds?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no schemes of their own for improvement of slums in the City of Madras and in the mufassal. The improvement of slums is the responsibility of the local bodies concerned. The Government however grant loans and subsidies to the local bodies (including the Madras City Improvement Trust) towards slum improvement schemes undertaken by them."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சிடி இம்புரூவ்மெண்ட் டிரஸ்ட் ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதால் எழைகளுக்கு சேரியில் வாழ்வதற்கு நம்பிக்கை இல்லை என்பதை அரசாங்கம் அறியுமா ? இந்த வாரத்தில் நாம் நிறைவேற்றிய சட்டப்படி ஒரு தனி இலாகாவை சேரி சீர்திருத்தத்திற்காக ஏற்படுத்தி, சேரிகளை விலைக்கு வாங்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, that is the idea."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill recently passed in this House, is it the intention of the Government to purchase the slums and make the improvements themselves or hand them over to bodies like the Corporation of Madras and the City Improvement Trust for carrying out the improvements and provide them with the necessary funds? Or is it only lip-sympathy shown to the slum-dwellers in the form of a Bill passed in this House to give them the impression that the Government are on their side? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The intention is to acquire the lands of private owners on which there are slums. The Corporation is already effecting improvemets in several of the slums. It has asked for a loan and a subsidy from the Government. It has also submitted a comprehensive scheme to the Government of India in connexion with the

proposal to give financial assistance for slum improvement works. Certain requests made by the Corporation for loans and subsidies will be considered in connexion with the Part II Schemes for 1954–55."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the Act that has been passed in this House for the acquisition of slum areas, the Government should have some clear plan before them. Have they attempted to have at least some blue-print?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I said, the Corporation is mainly concerned with the work of slum improvement, and the Government will give it financial assistance."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Health aware that the Corporation applied to the Government of Madras for a loan for the specific purpose of slum improvement and that the Government have been niggardly enough to reject that application and have driven the Corporation to the necessity of floating a loan in the open market? Does this not show that what is done is not in consonance with the answers given by the Hon. Minister on the floor of this House?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Corporation has raised a public loan for this purpose and spent a large amount out of it. The Government are also considering the question of giving grants at the rate of 50 per cent for improvement of slums on Government lands and 25 per cent for slum improvement on Corporation lands and private lands."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Will the Government expedite the extension of the benefit arising from the Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill recently passed by this House to the mufassal areas also?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The point was answered by the Hon. Chief Minister during the discussion on the Bill and an assurance has been given in this matter."

Opening of a cattle farm in the Chingleput district.

* 366 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal for opening a cattle farm in the Chingleput district to augment the milk supply of the Madras City and, if so, when? 9-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" There is no proposal for opening a cattle farm in the Chingleput district at present."